

## **REMARKS**

The Office Action dated February 8, 2005, has been received and carefully noted. The above amendments and the following remarks are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

By this Amendment, the title and drawings are amended. Claim 6 is canceled and claims 1, 3 and 5 are amended. No new matter has been added. Claims 1-5 are pending and respectfully submitted for consideration.

The Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for indicating allowable subject matter in claims 5 and 6. The subject matter of claim 5 has been incorporated in claim 1, and the subject matter of claim 6 has been incorporated in claim 3. Further, claim 5 has been rewritten in independent form with the subject matter of claim 3. As such, the Applicant submits that claims 1-5 are now allowable.

The title of the invention was objected to as not being adequately descriptive of the invention. The Applicant has amended the title responsive to the objection.

The drawings were objected to because Fig. 6 was not designated by the "Prior Art" legend. The specification discloses Fig. 6 as a "conventional" sprinkler. See page 7, line 11 of the specification. As such, the Applicant has amended Fig. 6 to identify the drawing in accordance with the description in the specification. The Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the drawing objection.

Claims 1-4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dole (U.S. Patent No. 5,813,705) in view of Wintering et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,441,202). Claim 2 depends from claim 1 and claim 4 depends from claim 3. As claim 1 now includes the allowable subject matter of claim 5, and claim 3 includes the allowable

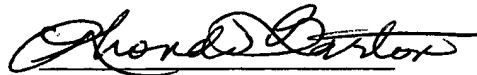
subject matter of claim 6, the Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1 and 3 are allowable over the cited art.

In view of the above, the Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections, allowance of claims 1-5, and the prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowability.

Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension, together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300, **referencing Attorney Dkt. No. 107390-00007.**

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosure: Replacement Figure 6

**AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:**

The Applicant respectfully presents herewith replacement Fig. 6, which includes the desired changes, without markings, and which complies with 37 C.F.R. §1.84. The change made to Fig. 6 is explained in the accompanying remarks section below.